

This table provides final 2017 and 2018 state-level data on drug overdose deaths involving opioids. Data are presented as counts (number of deaths) and age-adjusted death rates (per 100,000 standard population). The table also includes drug specificity data by state for 2018. Drug specificity—the percentage of drug overdose death records where at least one drug or drug class is recorded—serves as an indicator of data quality when comparing overdose death counts or rates for a specified drug or drug class.

Table. Number of deaths and age-adjusted death rates due to drug overdose involving opioids, by state: United States, 2017 and 2018

Area	Drug poisoning (any opioid)				Drug specificity ²
	Number		Age-adjusted rate ¹		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	
United States	47,600	46,802	14.9	14.6	91.93
Alabama	422	381	9.0	8.3	75.61
Alaska	102	68	13.9	8.8	100.00
Arizona	928	1,106	13.5	15.9	95.03
Arkansas	188	208	6.5	7.4	81.76
California	2,199	2,410	5.3	5.8	88.24
Colorado	578	564	10.0	9.5	91.56
Connecticut	955	948	27.7	27.5	99.81
Delaware	250	355	27.8	39.3	97.26
District of Columbia	244	191	34.7	26.7	98.82
Florida	3,245	3,189	16.3	15.8	88.53
Georgia	1,014	866	9.7	8.3	94.23
Hawaii	53	59	3.4	4.1	95.31
Idaho	103	120	6.2	7.1	84.40
Illinois	2,202	2,169	17.2	17.0	97.06
Indiana	1,176	1,104	18.8	17.5	88.64
Iowa	206	143	6.9	4.8	94.43
Kansas	144	156	5.1	5.7	83.48
Kentucky	1,160	989	27.9	23.4	91.79
Louisiana	415	444	9.3	10.0	54.12
Maine	360	282	29.9	23.4	99.13
Maryland	1,985	2,087	32.2	33.7	98.80
Massachusetts	1,913	1,991	28.2	29.3	98.35
Michigan	2,033	2,011	21.2	20.8	90.97
Minnesota	422	343	7.8	6.3	84.12
Mississippi	185	173	6.4	6.1	86.13
Missouri	952	1,132	16.5	19.6	90.37
Montana	38	64	3.6	6.2	81.60
Nebraska	59	63	3.1	3.3	80.43
Nevada	412	372	13.3	11.5	98.26
New Hampshire	424	412	34.0	33.1	99.12
New Jersey	1,969	2,583	22.0	29.7	97.28
New Mexico	332	338	16.7	16.7	99.07
New York	3,224	2,991	16.1	15.1	98.03
North Carolina	1,953	1,783	19.8	17.9	97.17
North Dakota	35	36	4.8	5.2	88.57
Ohio	4,293	3,237	39.2	29.6	95.05
Oklahoma	388	308	10.2	7.8	97.35
Oregon	344	339	8.1	8.0	95.98
Pennsylvania	2,548	2,866	21.2	23.8	76.29
Rhode Island	277	267	26.9	25.9	97.79

See footnotes at end of table.

Table. Number of deaths and age-adjusted death rates due to drug overdose involving opioids, by state: United States, 2017 and 2018

Area	Drug poisoning (any opioid)				Drug specificity ²
	Number		Age-adjusted rate ¹		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2018
South Carolina	749	835	15.5	17.1	98.04
South Dakota	35	28	4.0	3.5	96.49
Tennessee	1,269	1,307	19.3	19.9	94.79
Texas	1,458	1,402	5.1	4.8	89.72
Utah	456	437	15.5	14.8	98.08
Vermont	114	127	20.0	22.8	98.04
Virginia	1,241	1,193	14.8	14.3	99.17
Washington	742	737	9.6	9.4	96.74
West Virginia	833	702	49.6	42.4	99.18
Wisconsin	926	846	16.9	15.3	97.50
Wyoming	47	40	8.7	6.8	96.97

¹Age-adjusted death rates per 100,000 standard population.

²Percentage of drug overdose death records in which a specific drug or drug class is identified.

NOTES: Deaths are classified using the *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision* (ICD-10). Drug poisoning (overdose) deaths are identified using underlying cause-of-death codes. This table reflects deaths for any opioids (ICD-10 codes T40.0–T40.4, T40.6). States vary in the quality of reporting of the specific drugs involved in a drug overdose death. If a state has poor reporting, the reported rate may appear lower than the actual rate.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System.